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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

REBELLION.

South Carolina, the Hotbed of Southern Lawlessness,

In Active Insurrection Against Governor Tillman.

Saloon Keepers Agitation Results in Bloodshed.

CONSTABLES KILLED.

A Score of Them Driven Into the Swamps.

State Militia Refuses to Obey and Disbands.

TILLMAN HAS NERVE.

He Promptly Seizes the Railroad Lines

To Prevent Reinforcements Reaching the Rebels.

CONCORDIA, S. C., March 31.—The state is in an uproar over the riot at Darlington yesterday, resulting from the attempt of Governor Tillman to enforce the law closing illegal saloons. Two of the state's constables were killed and two citizens shot to death. The fight occurred at about 3 o'clock p.m., as the constables were leaving the town.

Constable Brennan, the officer who left Darlington by the charlesburg, Sumter & Newbern is now here. He reports to the governor that his detachment was fired upon by the mob as the train was putting out and at the same time his detachment was about to leave and in sight of the military, set upon by the citizens. Everything had quieted down last night and the Sumter light infantry withdrew today. One or two of the constables left on the Charlesburg and Northern and the other 38 constables went to the depot of the Charlesburg and Darlington Railway to prevent the train. The train was late. Not many citizens were at the depot. Two of them, Paul Decuges and Billy Floyd, and an alteration.

The Militia Disbands.

Three companies of troops have disbanded under the general pressure brought to bear on them rather than over the governor's orders to go to Darlington. Encouragement here is consequence of the action is high.

In Columbia there are three infantry companies among the largest in the state. The special train was at the station when the governor's orders to bear for Darlington were received. The officers summoned the men to their barracks. All was excitement, not a man was ready to obey the governor and ten constables. Redmond was rampant. The Zouaves and volunteers began. The first man, Gordon Atkinson, arose, and said he would resign his membership but would not go. Every man did likewise. The company disbanded.

The Richmond volunteer rifle company, an old military club that went for glory whenever occasion offered from the Florida-India war to the war for southern independence, did not respond. The captain reported to the adjutant general that he had but six men present and awaited his orders.

They were excused from going. The Greenville Guards gave an opportunity for a still more striking display of the contempt of the people of Columbia. Summoned from the streets announced the selection of their other companies and they too declined to go. A squad of citizens turned up the stairway blocking the corridor and swore they would not allow the company to depart. Halted.

The government has yielded, yielded silence from Columbia, stating that three leading military companies there refuse to obey his orders. In to Darlington, the seat of martial's battle. Prevented from sending troops, the governor has taken the other course now and will prevent all reaching Darlington's citizens.

To accomplish this he has made section 2,582, S. C., seized the railroad lines of the Texas, San Joaquin and the Western and will allow no traffic over them. The latest news from Darlington is that the constables are still being pursued by Darlington citizens, and death will be meted out to all caught.

The governor has ordered telegraph companies to transmit no inflammatory dispatches and has also withdrawn the order placing the Columbia military organization with the intention of capturing all martial and officers by court martial and also ordered the halting away from all local armories of guns and equipments therein.

Governor Marion quashed. The absence of advice from Darlington gives color to the suspicion that the people of that section are preventing the use of the telegraph. A body of armed citizens left the city today to aid the people of Darlington in their war upon the constables.

Penitentiary guards have been detailed to guard the governor's mansion and dispensary. Dispatches from the scene of hostilities last night report large gatherings of feuding men and boys along the line of the railroad and at the depots, armed with shot guns and rifles. At each stopping place the cars were entered for constabulary. It is expected the Florence dispensary was raided and looted during the night.

In compliance with the governor's orders, Adjutant General Warrs has turned the arms of the disbanded militia companies of the state army for safe keeping. The armor of the Richmond volunteers has just been recovered by citizens bent on seizing the arms to prevent the state authorities from getting them. Governor Tillman is hastening forward country companies to the

center of the disengaged constabulary, and is in receipt of telegrams offering the services of as many men as may be necessary to uphold the law. The Charleston companies have refused to obey orders and will disband.

HUNTING THE CONSTABULARY.

Report of the Riot as Told by Charleston News and Courier Correspondent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 31.—The war at Darlington is not over. The citizens are still hunting the constabulary. The fugitives have been located and a posse has started in pursuit of them.

The adjutant general of the state is here trying to get soldiers to proceed to the scene, but without success. The mayor of Darlington has telegraphed for bloodhounds with which to track the murderer. The plot heretofore reported took place at the depot.

The correspondent of the News and Courier (Anti-Tillman organ) telegraphs this account: A few citizens were seated around the depot and a number of spies were collected in a group a short distance off at the time of the shooting. F. R. Norman expostulated at the language being used by the disreputable agents just then. Conover McLaurin drew a pistol and, running over the shoulder of Rogers, shot Frank Norman dead.

Firing becomes general. The constables used their Winchester rifles and the citizens returned the fire with their pistols. As there were few places among the citizens, however, they had not a fair show against their well armed assailants. In the fight Frank Norman was killed instantly, being pierced by half a dozen balls. Pepper was shot down in his tracks, a pistol ball going through his heart. Redmond fell a second later, shot in three places. After the shooting of Norman and Redmond, McLaurin was shot through the abdomen. Chief of Police A. E. Blodgin was dangerously wounded in the body. Tom Norman was shot in the breast and arm, and E. D. Lewis was shot in five places.

The constables kept up the firing until they cleared the platform. Chief of Police Darlton, badly wounded as he rode back to town, tearing what would happen when the news of the bloody work reached the citizens. The spies fled in all directions. As they were running through the town it was seen that four of them were wounded, one in the leg, another in the back and a third in the chest. A fourth had his nose shot off.

As soon as the citizens received the news of the shooting they arm themselves and started in pursuit of the flying constables. They chased them into the swamp, bringing them as they ran. The militia companies of Charlesburg, Sumter, Manning and Winnsboro have all refused to respond to the governor's call for troops.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Report Received of the Riot by the New York Herald.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The Herald's Columbia, S. C., special says: In a fight today between the militia and whiskey constables on one side, and citizens on the other, three persons were killed. The citizens then got the upper hand and drove the state police composed of twenty-two men, into the swamp and it is said all have been killed.

The first serious trouble took place at the station of the Columbia, Sumter & Northern railroad and this is where the slaughter took place. The constables to the number of thirty were divided, nine being in one squad and twenty-one in the other.

BROKEN BOTTLES KNEE DEEP.

The Insurgents at Florence Want a Parade to Show the Governor.

(Special to the Associated Press.)

FLORENCE, S. C., March 31.—The scenes of the disturbance over the dispensary law is shifting to this point from Darlington, a few miles to the Westward of here. Men mounted on foot are beating the swamps in the western part of the country where the constables are believed to have taken refuge. It is hoped and believed that they will be captured before night. The trouble is growing more general every hour. Gov. Tillman will wired Clerk of the Court McGowen to go into the country and arm such of the faithful remaining Tillmanites as will bear arms in the present cause.

After some delay Clerk McGowen was obliged to give in the attempt to organize citizens in support of the governor. The Tillmanites in this town are few and are making no demonstration.

Marion is sending reinforcements to the citizens here. Every man in town is prepared for battle. The telegraph office is besieged. The operators have worked at the keys nearly 24 hours steadily. Many persons express the hope that Gov. Tillman will bring his faithful adherents in person, saying that he then would reap the harvest of wrath he sows.

It is the determination of this section to obliterate the dispensary, root and branch. Dispensaries here and in all towns in this part of the state have been broken into and their liquor poured on the ground. In the state dispensary here broken bottles lie knee deep.

The sheriff and police are powerless and recognize vigilante law. No trouble has occurred in town as yet. An extra force of police and deputy sheriffs has been sworn in, but they only try to keep crowds off the streets and stop such breaches of the peace as may arise between the citizens.

THE NEWS AT WASHINGTON.

All the South Carolina Congressmen Stand by Tillman.

WATKINSVILLE, Ga., March 31.—South Carolina members of congress are busily waiting for information from the scene of the riot in South Carolina.

Representative McLaurin, in whose district the trouble has occurred, has telegraphed in particular. The congressmen stand by Governor Tillman.

Representative Smith of Lancaster, S. C., said: "Gov. Tillman will execute the law if it requires fifty thousand men to do it. He will rule not only on the militia, but the people will furnish volunteers. The sentiment of the people upholds him. There is a small clique at the bottom of the trouble. They want to destroy the law and bring moonshine whisky into the state. The governor proposes to stop it."

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STATE TROOPS REBEL.

Fourth Episode of the State Troops Resists to March.

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